

# RESOURCE GUIDE





## **INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION J. Bryan Nicol, Commissioner**

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<http://www.state.in.us/dot/>

### Indiana Highway Safety Improvement Program

This is a program which funds projects where the improvement costs can be offset by gains in crash reduction. At the present time both State and Local projects which can be shown to have a crash history, rank high in an areas assessment of problem locations and can be shown to be cost effective can qualify for 100% Federal funding. Several MPO and State projects have already been funded.

Contact: John Nagle 317-232-5464

To assist cities, towns and counties in taking advantage of this program the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) will be providing guidelines and direct assistance in helping qualify projects for local governments. This assistance program is scheduled to start in October.

Contact: Tom Martin 765-494-2164

Assistance with crash statistics for determining crash histories of particular locations can be obtained from INDOT's Crash Statistics Unit. Contact: Dale Hertweck 317-232-5213

Local Technical Assistance The INDOT section known as Local Assistance was created for the express purpose of working with Local Planning Agencies, providing guidance and technical assistance in qualifying local projects for federal aid. This section ensures that approved local projects using federal aid meet the appropriate requirements for environmental, land acquisition and design standards.

Contact - Bruno Canzian - Section Manager (317-232-5319)

Programming The Programming section has responsibilities for making calls for new state and local jurisdiction projects, and reviewing these projects through its Program Management Groups (PMGs). It then authorizes into SPMS those projects that are approved.

Contact Mary Doherty, Development Specialist 317-232-5467

Contact Carter Kieth, Programming Manager 317-232-5465

Passive Grade Crossing Improvement Program - INDOT administers the Passive Grade Crossing Improvement program which grants \$500,000 each year to railroads and local road authorities for safety improvements at Indiana's passively warned crossings. Qualifying projects include sign replacement, pavement markings, sight distance clearance, overhead illumination, and median barriers. Grants are for 100% of material costs (and also include labor costs for sight distance clearance). Applications for each fiscal year are due in June. [www.state.in.us/dot/modetrans/](http://www.state.in.us/dot/modetrans/)

Primary Contact - Venetta Holifield - Program Administrator (317)232-1474

Secondary Contact - Mike Scime - Section Manager (317)232-1491

Safety Code Compliance Program - INDOT is responsible for enforcing state laws relating to railroad safety. This includes reviewing petitions requesting new crossings, crossings closures, whistle bans, and close clearances. It also includes inspecting crossings in response to public

complaints to ensure compliance will applicable state statutes. [www.state.in.us/dot/modetrans/](http://www.state.in.us/dot/modetrans/)

Primary Contact - Mike McGathey - Code Enforcement Officer (317)232-4786

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## **INDIANA STATE POLICE** Melvin Carraway, Superintendent

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<http://www.in.gov/isp/>

The Indiana State Police is a full service agency providing Traffic and Criminal Enforcement and Public Service programs. One of our goals is to develop **partnerships** to reduce crime, make roadways safe, and provide assistance to the public.

Major Monte McKee, Major

Indiana State Police

Field Enforcement Division

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The Field Enforcement Division consists of grant management, special enforcement project management, INDOT construction worksite patrols, Problem Oriented Policing (POP) administration, 24 hour Operations Center, numerous special details, the departments highway drug interdiction effort, and the Aviations Section.

## **INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE** Kenneth L. Miller, Commissioner & **INDIANA STATE POLICE - Commercial Vehicle Enforcement** Major John Hill

### **ONE STOP SHOP**

Jim Poe, Administrator

Department of Revenue

Motor Carrier Services Division

5252 Decatur Blvd, Suite R

Indianapolis, In.

317-615-7201

Motor Carrier Services provides a One Stop Shop for Commercial Motor Vehicle operator. Anything you need to properly register your vehicle, permit oversize loads, and obtain the proper drivers license, can be accomplished at this facility.

John Hill, Major

Indiana State Police

Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division

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The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division's responsibility is to enforce all Indiana truck and bus laws and Federal Regulations on interstate and intrastate commercial motor vehicles. Our mission is to decrease the total number of commercial motor vehicles involved in crashes in Indiana.

**STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY** Patrick R. Ralston, Executive Director

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317-232-3895 (Fax)

The State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) is Indiana's lead agency for the coordination of emergency management programs and response measures. Its mission is fourfold: to prepare the citizens of the state of Indiana with the knowledge and expertise necessary before a disaster strikes; to respond during a disaster; to assist with recovery efforts after a disaster; and to mitigate by taking the necessary steps to prevent or lessen the effects of a disaster before and after one occurs.

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Indiana's pre-hospital emergency care system strives to ensure that the highest level of emergency medical care is received by Hoosiers and visitors alike. That system is regulated by the Indiana EMS Commission, a governor-appointed board, whose policies and procedures are supported by the EMS branch of SEMA.

**BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES** Gerald B. Coleman, Commissioner

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**OPERATION LIFESAVER** Tom Kinser Coordinator

<http://operationlifesaver.net/in/>

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**Service Provided to Communities:**

Indiana Operation Lifesaver provides assistance in developing selective law enforcement projects concerning highway-rail grade crossing violations. Additionally, it provides training opportunities for law enforcement and first responders. Included in training are Grade Crossing Collision Investigation Course, First Responder Training Course, In-Service Training Course, Presenter Training Level 1 and Presenter Training Level 2.

Indiana Operation Lifesaver provides educational opportunities to schools, civic groups, business, and other targeted audiences concerning safety at Indiana's highway-rail grade crossings and on trespass prevention on railroad right-of-way. Indiana Operation Lifesaver provides Presenter training opportunities to local citizens to assist in the educational efforts at the community level.

The goal of Indiana Operation Lifesaver is to reduce crashes, fatalities and injuries at highway-rail grade crossings and on railroad right-of-way. Currently Indiana is a national leader in collisions at grade crossings. Fifty-four percent of these crashes happen at automated signals. Indiana Operation Lifesaver encourages communities to seek engineering improvements at their highway-rail crossings, but realizes that education of Indiana's motoring public is essential to seeing a reduction of this type of crash.

**GOVERNORS COUNCIL FOR IMPAIRED AND DANGEROUS DRIVING** Jerry McCorry, Director  
<http://www.state.in.us/cji/council/index.htm>

**The Governor's Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving, is a division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute – Catherine O'Connor, Executive Director, with Jerry McCorry, Director of the Council -**

**Our Mission:** To reduce death, injury, property damage and economic cost associated with traffic crashes on Indiana's roadways.

The Council on Impaired & Dangerous Driving serves as the public opinion catalyst and the implementing body for statewide action to reduce death and injury on Indiana roadways. The Council's Advisory Board, a group of 22 volunteers, is appointed by the governor to make traffic safety policy recommendations. The Council provides grant funding, training, coordination and ongoing support to state and local traffic safety advocates.

The Council serves as the traffic safety focal point in Indiana. In this role, the Council is charged with developing policies, procedures, strategies, and programs to effectively manage and administer Indiana's highway safety program. The intended outcome of all of the Council's efforts is to reduce death and injuries, and economic costs associated with motor vehicle crashes.

The Council administers federal funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration through targeted traffic safety grants to state and local organizations. The Council coordinates aggressive public information campaigns designed for implementation at the state and local level and provides materials, grant funding and information to traffic safety advocates. The Council also serves as Indiana's primary source for information and research on traffic safety issues which directly affect public safety and policy.

- Projects must fall within one or more of the Council's program areas which include occupant protection, alcohol countermeasures, police traffic services, community traffic safety programs, bicyclist/pedestrian safety, motorcycle safety, or highway environment.
- Grants are awarded to projects according to a state problem analysis and highway safety plan.
- Preliminary proposals should be 1-2 pages long and include problem identification, goals and objectives, proposed activities, method of evaluating program success and general budget. Upon review, staff will request a more detailed proposal.
- Preliminary proposals are accepted year-round.

**FUNDING:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; Federal Highway Administration and the State of Indiana Alcohol Countermeasures Fund

For a more detailed information on programs and resources available from the Council please visit our website at <http://www.in.gov/cji/council/index.htm>. To speak to a representative from the Council you may call 317-232-1295 explaining what information you are seeking and then you will be directed to the appropriate person.

**NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION** Don McNamara, Regional Administrator

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Region V

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The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), is one of the modal agencies under the U. S. Department of Transportation. NHTSA has ten Regional Offices throughout the nation. The Region V Office is located at 19900 Governors Drive, Suite 201, Olympia Fields, Illinois, and works with the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

NHTSA is responsible for reducing deaths, injuries and economic losses resulting from motor vehicle crashes. This is accomplished by setting and enforcing safety performance standards for motor vehicles and motor vehicle equipment, and through grants to state and local governments to enable them to conduct effective local highway safety programs.

NHTSA investigates safety defects in motor vehicles, sets and enforces fuel economy standards, helps states and local communities reduce the threat of drunk drivers, promotes the use of safety belts, child safety seats and air bags, investigates odometer fraud, establishes and enforces vehicle anti-theft regulations and provides consumer information on motor vehicle safety topics.

NHTSA also conducts research on driver behavior and traffic safety to develop the most efficient and effective means of bringing about safety improvements.

The agency also operates a toll-free Auto Safety Hotline to provide recall information, receive motor vehicle safety complaints and furnish consumers with a wide range of information on auto safety. The Hotline operates from 8 am to 10 pm Eastern Time, Monday thru Friday. Calls can be received during non-business hours by means of a sophisticated automatic telephone answering service. A Spanish speaking operator is available from 8 am to 4 pm. The nationwide toll-free number is [888-DASH-2-DOT \(888-327-4236\)](tel:888-DASH-2-DOT). For the hearing impaired the TTY number is 800-424-9153 or 202-366-7800.

NHTSA offers a wide variety of motor vehicle and traffic safety information services and literature. Listed below are just a few of the topics covered by the NHTSA services and literature:

- Motor Vehicle Safety Recalls
- Child Safety Seat Recalls
- Consumer Information on Seat Belts, Air Bags, Anti-lock Brakes, Child Restraints, and many other topics
- National Highway Safety Statistics
- Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards
- Vehicle Crash Test Reports
- Vehicle Safety Ratings
- Vehicle Theft Ratings
- Traffic Safety Program Guidelines
- Traffic Safety Educational Material

## **FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION** Larry Hasvold, Regional Administrator

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The Federal Railroad Administration was created in 1986 to ensure, promote and enforce safety throughout America's railroad system. Today, the U.S. railroad system is comprised of over 500 railroads operating on 110,000 miles of track, and daily traveling through almost 254,000 highway-rail grade crossings nationwide. Our agency establishes safety standards, investigates major train incidents, and assists the rail industry in promoting a positive safety culture.

The FRA is committed to reducing rail-related collisions, deaths and injuries. We participate in Operation Lifesaver, a nationwide highway-rail grade crossing and trespass prevention program aimed at educating the public on dangers associated with railroad property. The FRA conducts research, and encourages cooperative efforts to advance safety throughout America's rail system.

### Indiana:

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### Operation Respond:

Is a not-for-profit public/private partnership established to provide lifesaving hazardous-materials and rail passenger rescue information to first responder's police and fire personnel in the event of a transportation incident. Operation Respond's computer link allows first responders to directly access rail carrier files to confirm a vehicle's hazardous-material contents and receive specific emergency guidance, saving minutes and often hours in obtaining critical action information. FRA has partnered with Operation Respond since its inception in 1995 by providing funding and by working with rail, motor carrier and emergency response industry to introduce and install the information system in their operations. As a result of this partnership there are over 500 installations of the Operation Respond program in over 30 states, Mexico and Canada.

## **FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION** Kenneth Strickland, Division Administrator

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Kenneth Strickland 317-226-7474

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's mission is to reduce crashes involving commercial motor vehicles. Efforts to accomplish this are done principally through both education outreach and enforcement of the federal motor carrier safety regulations. Enforcement is primarily done by onsite safety reviews of motor carrier operations, in addition to providing grant funding to the the Indiana State Police to assist their efforts of vehicle roadside inspections. Education is also provided through programs such as the SMART program in Indiana with industry outreach to drivers education classes relative to blind spot on tractor trailers.



**FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION** John R. Baxter, Administrator Indiana Division  
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Rick O. Drumm, Safety Operations Engineer, 317-226-7487

The Federal Highway Administrations (FHWA) mission is to continually improve the quality of our nation's highway system and its intermodal connections with a vision to create the best transportation system in the world. We pursue this vision and mission by focusing on the vital few: Safety, Congestion Mitigation, and Environmental Stewardship and Streamlining.

The FHWA works with many partners to preserve and enhance our nations transportation system. In the Indiana Division office our primary partners are the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT), the Local Transportation Assistance Program (LTAP) at Purdue, and the 12 Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO). The FHWA Indiana Division fills the following four roles for our customers: Technical Assistance, Technology Deployment, National Policy Leadership and Program Delivery.

**Ongoing Safety Programs:**

Road Safety Audits: This is a process wherein a team of independent experts identifies unsafe roadway conditions during project design or on existing roads. See the report of the International Scanning Team <http://www.international.fhwa.dot.gov/pubs.cfm> (Rick Drumm 317-226-7487)

Red Light Running: "Synthesis and Evaluation of Red Light Running: Automated Enforcement Programs in the United States" is available at <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/srlr.htm>. (Karen Mathis 317-226-7122)

Roundabouts: See <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/rumble> (Karen Mathis 317-226-7122)

Rumble Strips/Run-off-the-Road: See <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/rumble> (Rick Drumm 317-226-7487)

Pedestrian Safety: [http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/ped\\_bike.htm](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/ped_bike.htm). (Rick Drumm 317-226-7487)

Crashworthiness of Roadside Hardware: Since October 1, 1998, virtually all roadside hardware installed on the National Highway System must meet the crash evaluation criteria identified in NCHRP Report 350. The compliance date for transitions to bridge railings and for precast concrete barriers was extended to October 1, 2002. See [http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/roadside\\_hardware.htm](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/programs/roadside_hardware.htm). (Rick Drumm 317-226-7487)

Work Zone Safety: <http://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/wz/bestprac.htm>. (Karen Mathis 317-226-7122)

National Work Zone Safety Clearinghouse: The Clearinghouse provides a single contact for information and technical assistance concerning the safe and effective operation of work zones. Clearinghouse: 888.447.5556 Fax: 979-845-0568. <http://wzsafety.tamu.edu> (Karen Mathis 317-226-7122)

Older Driver Highway Design: The FHWA has developed a *Design Handbook, Recommendations and Guide*, and a one-day workshop. The handbook, including the rational and support evidence, is available at [http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/fourthlevel/pro\\_res\\_olderdriver\\_wdg.htm](http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/fourthlevel/pro_res_olderdriver_wdg.htm). (Rick Drumm 317-226-7487)

Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices: The MUTCD contains standards and guidance for the design and use of signs, pavement markings, and traffic signals. The millennium edition of the MUTCD was published in December 2000. The entire manual is available at <http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov>. (Dennis Lee 317-226-5351)

Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS): (Dennis Lee 317-226-5351)

## **SAFETY LEADERSHIP TEAM SPEAKERS**

HOST – Indiana Department of Transportation

**Agency Website:** <http://www.in.gov/dot/programs/speakers/index.html>

**General Point of Contact:** Ron Thomas (INDOT) 317-232-5518

### **Programs offered to localities:**

Opportunity to participate in volunteer Safety Speaker's Bureau, upon submission of topic, preferred geographic area, days and hours of availability to speakers database. Those requesting a safety speaker through the website can schedule a speaking opportunity through direct links to volunteer speakers. Currently there are volunteer speakers representing the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the Governor's Council on Dangerous and Impaired Driving, the Indiana Department of Transportation, the Criminal Justice Institute and the Federal Highway Administration. There is no cost involved for either speakers or those requesting speaking engagements.

**Secondary Point of Contact:** Karen Mathis (FHWA) 317-2267122